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## LOUELLA MARSHALL MURDER

This report I submit of the murderous attack upon Miss Louella Marshall, near the Odd Fellows Home on the Pennington Road, on the night of Tuesday Dec. 3rd, 1912, and died in Mercer Hospital shortly after 4 o'clock, Dec. 10th, 1912. Age 28 years.

Report of my investigation of the newspaper, Trenton Times, in the murderous assault of Louella Marshall under date of Dec. 4th, 1912.

Roused into action by the terrible assault on Miss Louella Marshall, who was attacked while walking along the Pennington Road last night, county and city officials are scouring the city of Trenton, and the country for miles around in the search for her assailant.

F. W. Lanning, a son of Wallace Lanning, one of the men who discovered the victim in a field, saw the alleged assailant running across the field.

Two large stones, evidently the weapons used by the assailant to fell his unfortunate victim to the ground, were found near the edge of the field covered with blood. A broken rail in the fence showed where the dazed and weakened girl dragged through from the road into the field. A pool of blood showed where the victim had lain until rescuers arrived. How badly she had been beaten was shown by the blood that had covered the railroad tracks, indicating the direction in which the victim had been carried away from the road side.

Miss Marshall had been visiting Mrs. Edward Eggert who lives on the Pennington Road.

Edward Chapman, colored, 41 yrs old, #321 S. Feeder St. was arrested by Policemen Green and Matheis on suspicion Dec. 4/12 was put through third degree by Clancy, Culliton, Pilger, Heher and Blauth.

Information was received through Mrs. Mable Anderson, a sister, and Mrs. Maud Jordy, another sister,

Dec. 5th, through Mrs. Mable Anderson, the detectives received information that involved another woman, and if the suspicions of the detectives are correct after interviewing this woman, the predicted arrest will follow at once.

Alexander Jones Mendis, known as Alex a hodcarrier employed by Arthur Coleman, was arrested Dec. 5th.

Edward L. Conners conductor on the Pennington line says that a negro greatly excited boarded the trolley he was in charge of at the Odd Fellows about two hours after the crime.

The Keeler homestead on the Pennington road, the murder mystery of two years ago on the night of August 14th, 1910 Linton Lovett was found shot in the road in front of this house. The dogs followed the trail in the Marshall case to this house.

John Stevenson, 25 years old White man found sleeping in a deserted house was arrested, after grilling was released.

Issue Dec. 7th, 1912 County Detective Kirkam visited Miss Marshall at the Mercer Hospital again this morning with a view toward obtaining adifinite statement. The girl was much improved and according to the detective answered several questions. What these questions were or what information the girl gave, the detective refused to say.



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John Lyman, negro, of Rose Hill arrested and after grilling was released. Detective Kirkham made a formal charge against the missing assailant who is named John Doe, in the official documents.

Dec. 9th Dr. George H. Parker, and other surgeons at Mercer Hospital performed an operation on Miss Marshall this afternoon.

Charles Keeler, 163 Old Rose St., after being put through severe test was released.

Fred Guhl, 648 N. Willow St. found the other half of eye glass, a piece of which was found the day after Miss Marshall was attacked. Guhl took Chief Cleary, Culliton and Clancy to the exact spot where he found it near a barn across the road from the Lanning farm in a field not far from the spot where the Belgian sheel dogs first went on the trail of the assailant last Thursday.

Elwood Robbins, of Ewing Township, called the police that he had the man locked up in his house, and he brought the prisoner in, he was Pasquale Astere, #14 Bond St.

Charles Ramsey, negro of Ralway, N. J., arrested by officer Edwin S. Slack of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Charles A. Pope, 49 Tyrell Ave. arrested by Frank Grove and George Freudenmacker, Dec. 10th. After grilling was let go.

George Alexander, negro, of Calhoun St. arrested Dec. 10th.

Benjamin Johnson, of Bucks County was arrested by Coonan, Stanton and Farley.

It first being reported that F. W. Lanning found Miss Marshall, but further on it is stated that Miss Louella L. Edinger on her way home from rehearsal at the State St. Theater, where she was playing, upon leaving the trolley and hurrying along the road toward home she heard the moans. Upon arriving home she told her father, Mr. Edinger, what she had heard. He then went down the road and walking along heard groans also. Upon listening in the direction that the sound came from saw some one raise up and lower down again. He then called, what is going on there, He then saw a man raise up and run toward the reservoir. At this time Grover Tilton came along and they went over and found Miss Marshall in the field by her were two large stones covered with blood and a piece of gas pipe. Upon information that I have received I think that this part of the story is correct.

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